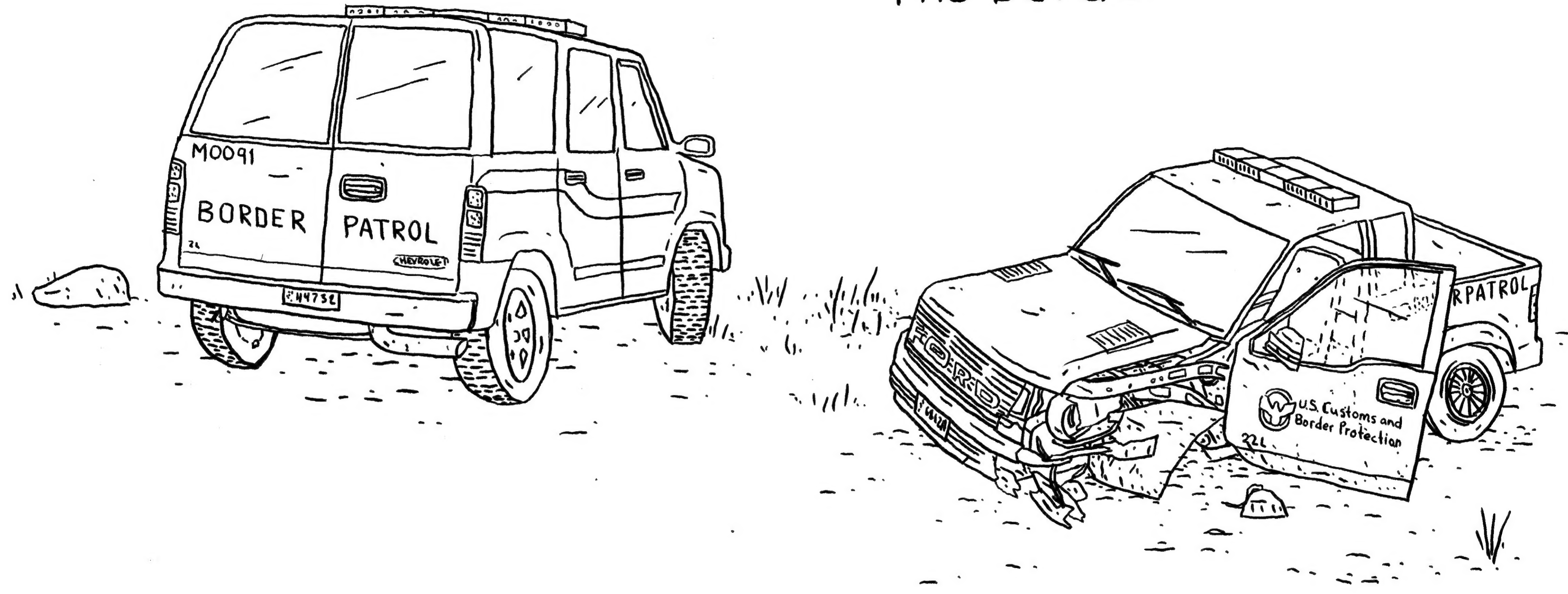
to destroy the border



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for those taking
a crowbar to the
walls of the state

Further Reading

Fatima Insolación "The Insurgent Southwest"
Martha Escobar "No One is Criminal"
Crimethinc "Designed to Kill"
Crimethinc "No Wall They Can Build"
Chaparral Respects No Borders
"Beware the Funders of Immigrants' Rights"

Resources

www.commotion.world

Enclave Caracol (Tijuana)
enclavecaracol.wordpress.com

No More Deaths (Tucson)
nomoredeaths.org

We must conspire together, to destroy the border, and therefore the United States of America.

The border is everywhere, ICE raids occur in every city and corporations profit off state terror in every state.

Go to the desert, support groups like No More Deaths, prepare food and material support for migrants at the border, establish a contemporary underground railroad network, make connections, target corporations profiting from this bullshit.

The United States of America, and all of its institutions, is illegitimate, founded on hundreds of years of genocide and land grabbing.

Its borders are constituted by the spoils of colonialism, removal, wars of aggression and land deals with the intent of securing the movement of capital.

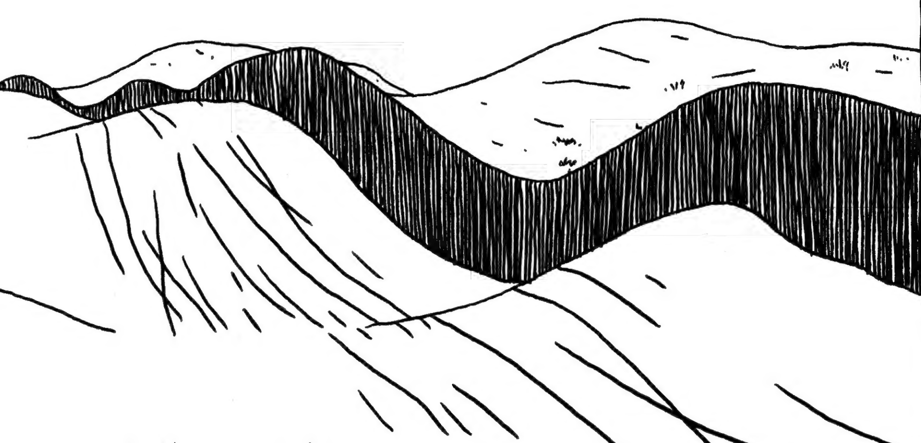
Over the past 25 years, under both Democratic and Republican leadership, border policy has grown more extensive and more violent.

Sealing off border cities, the border fence steers migrants deep into the remotest deserts.

and U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) often funnel people into the busiest routes, laying in wait miles and miles north along the same route.

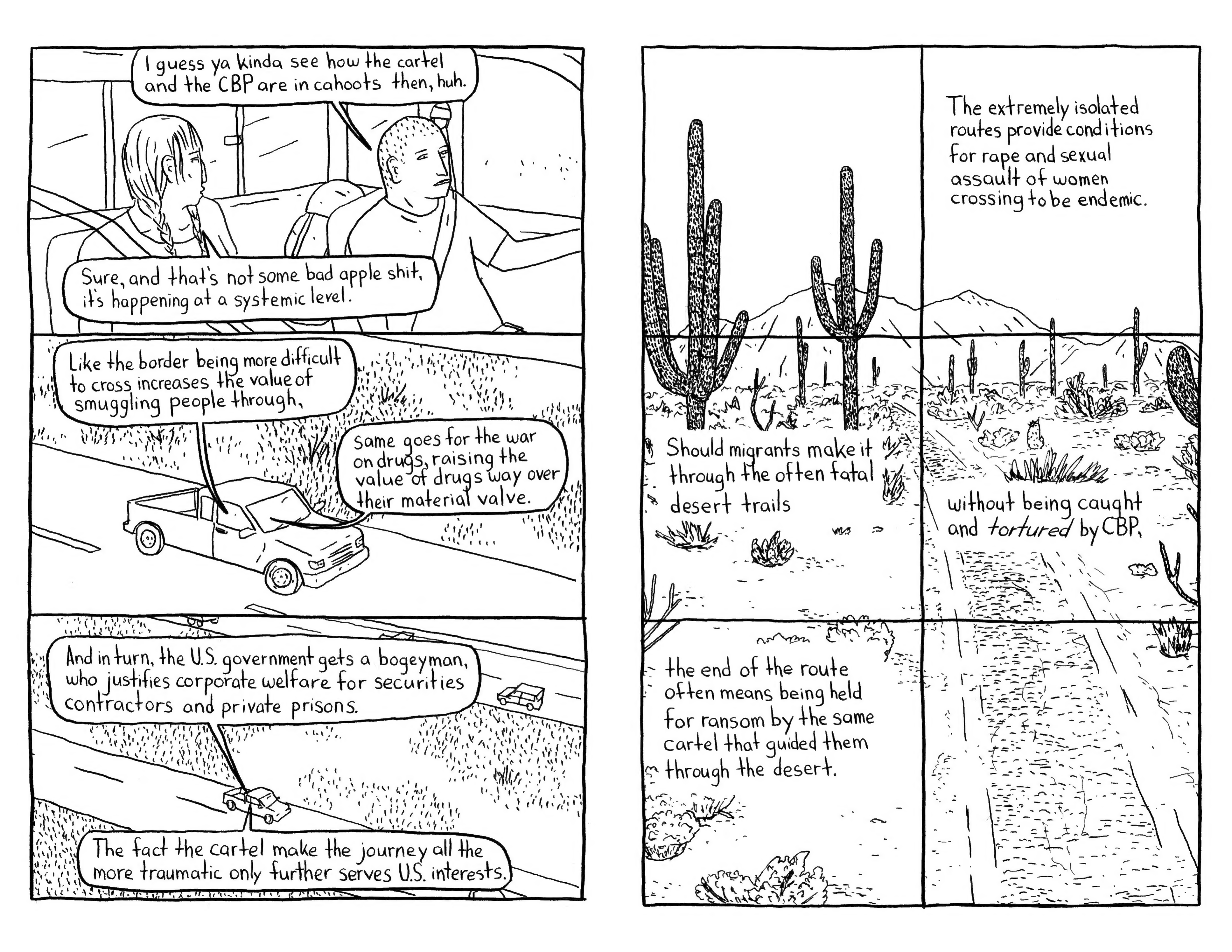
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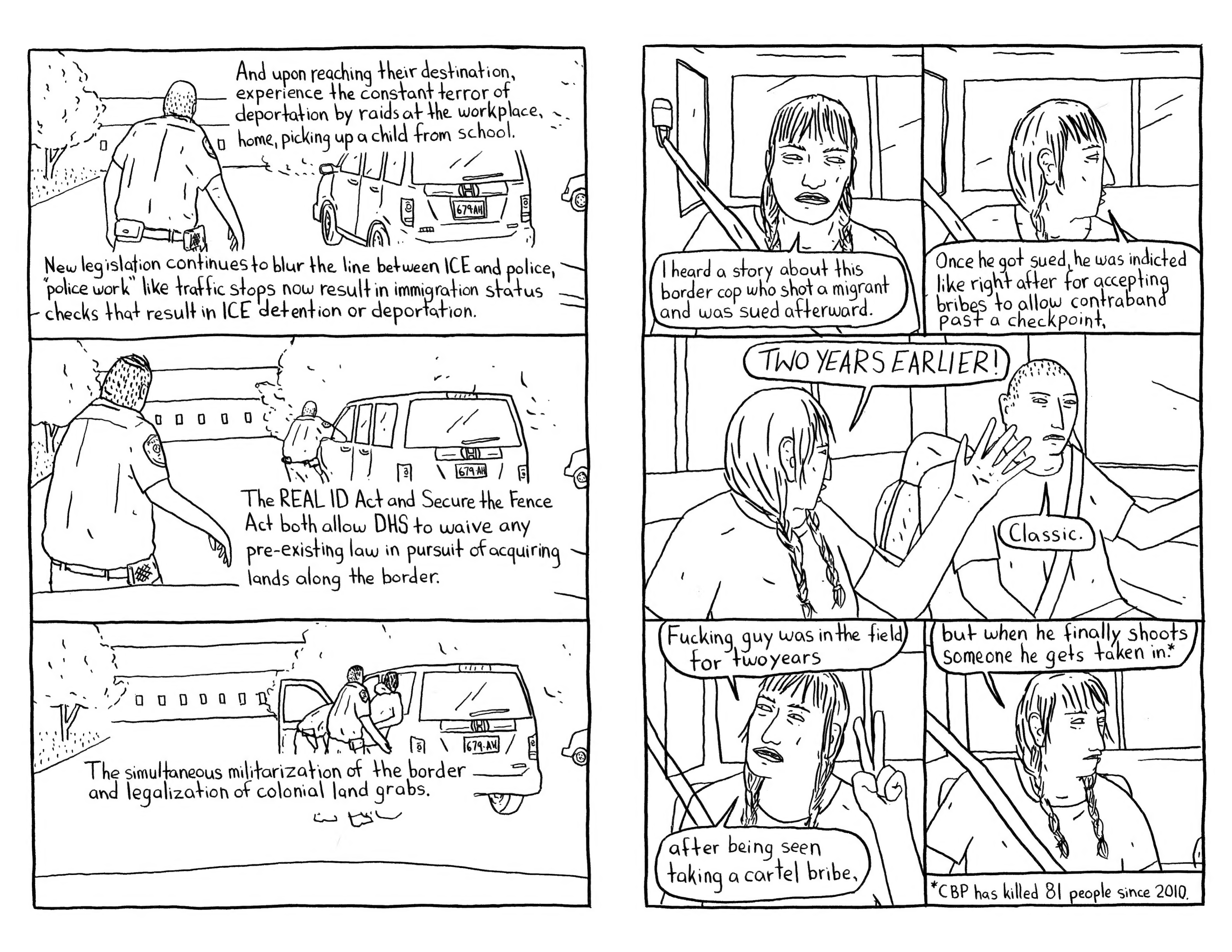
While the U.S. government has played a major role destabilizing Central America, which has contributed to the movement of people north,



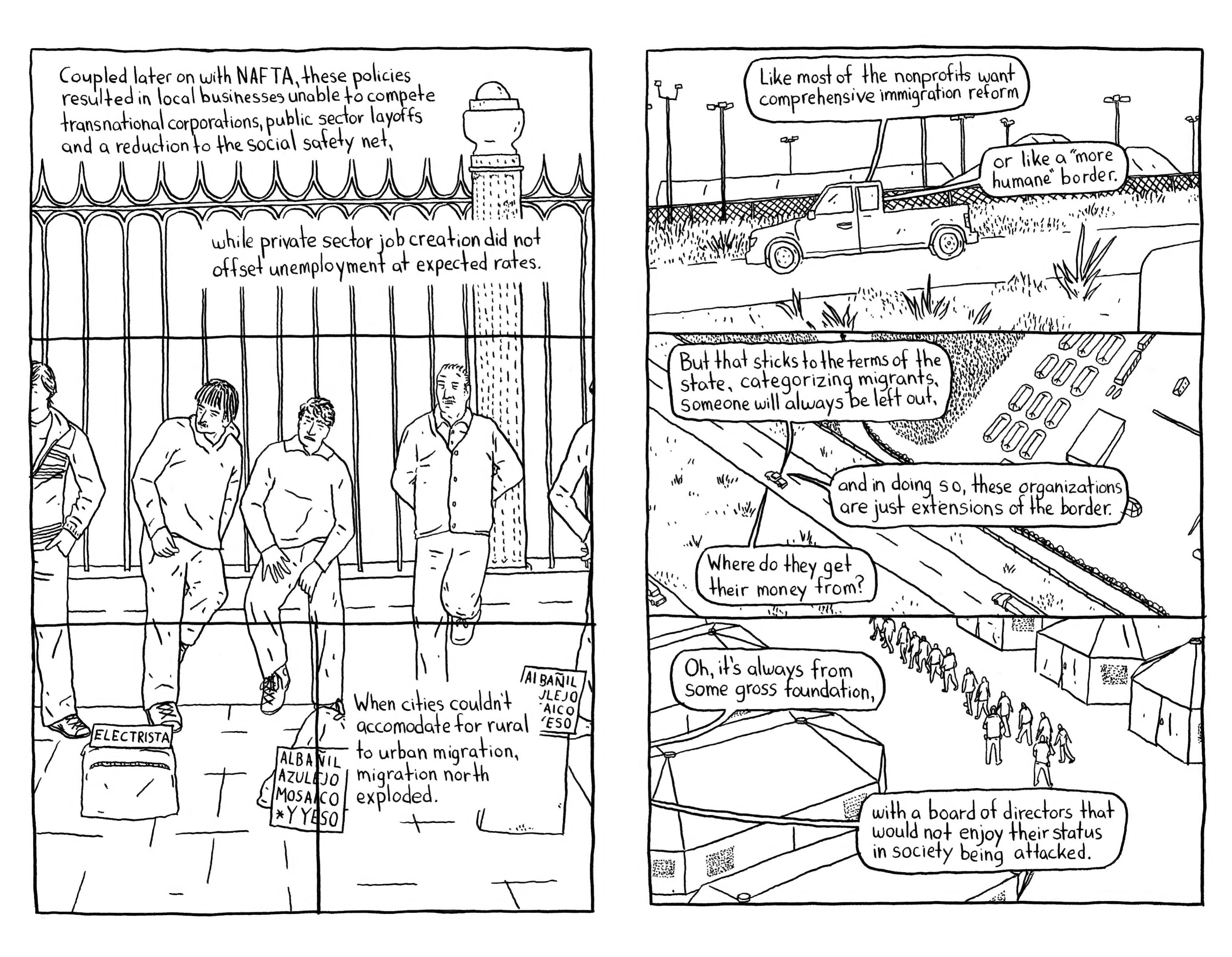
a perfectly acceptable reason to cross is because you fucking want to.

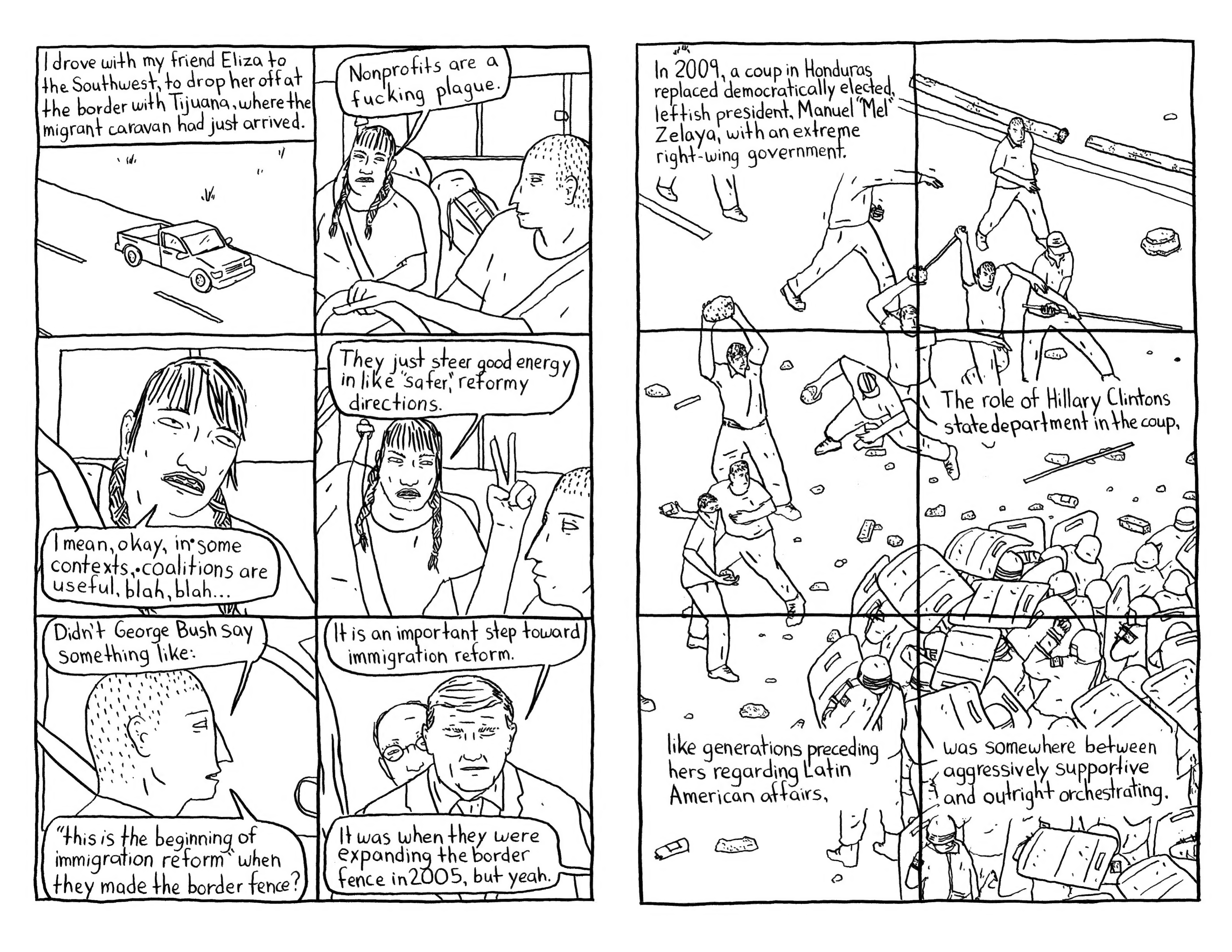
As thousands swell at the border, we ought to create relationships that realize our collective desire to subvert the state and the associated system of economic oppression.

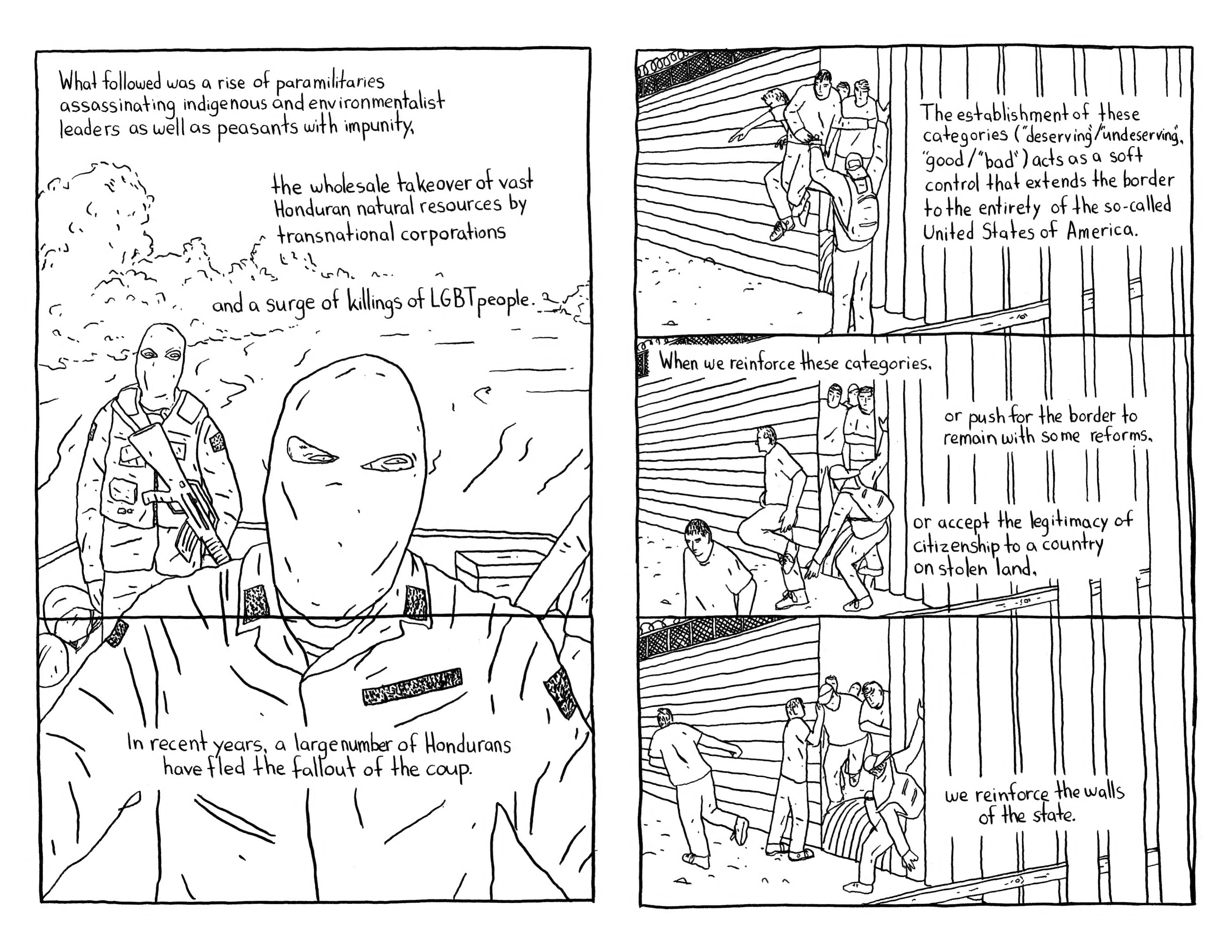

I guess ya kinda see how the cartel and the CBP are in cahoots then, huh.
Sure, and that's not some bad apple shit, it's happening at a systemic level.
Like the border being more difficult to cross increases the value of smuggling people through,
same goes for the war on drugs, raising the value of drugs way over their material valve.
And in turn, the U.S. government gets a bogeyman, who justifies corporate welfare for securities contractors and private prisons.
The fact the cartel make the journey all the more traumatic only further serves U.S. interests.
The extremely isolated routes provide conditions for rape and sexual assault of women crossing to be endemic.
Should migrants make it through the often fatal desert trails
without being caught and *tortured* by CBP,
the end of the route often means being held for ransom by the same cartel that guided them through the desert.

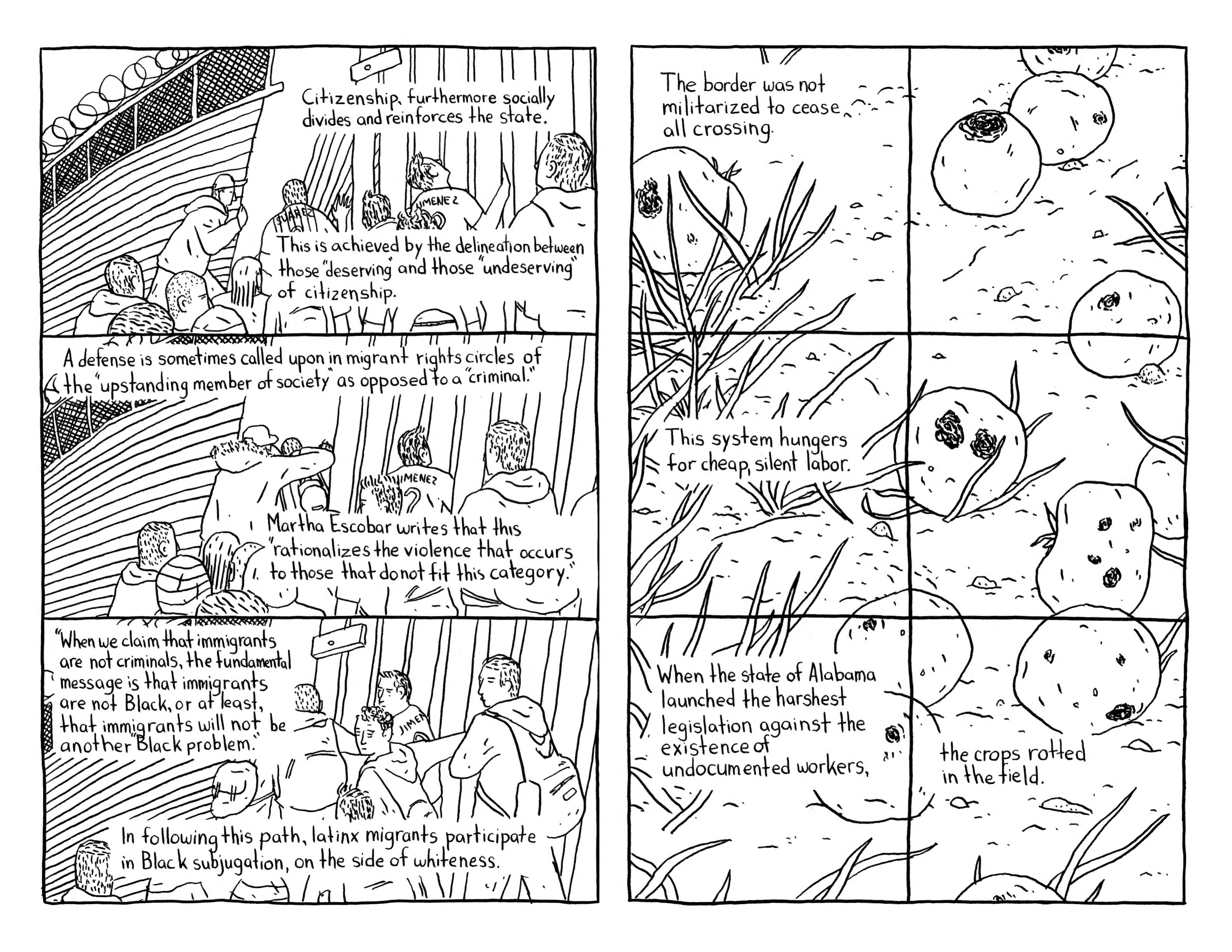

And upon reaching their destination, experience the constant terror of deportation by raids at the workplace, home, picking up a child from school.
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New legislation continues to blur the line between ICE and police, "police work" like traffic stops now result in immigration status checks that result in ICE detention or deportation.
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The REAL ID Act and Secure the Fence Act both allow DHS to waive any pre-existing law in pursuit of acquiring lands along the border.
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The simultaneous militarization of the border and legalization of colonial land grabs.
I heard a story about this border cop who shot a migrant and was sued afterward.
Once he got sued, he was indicted like right after for accepting bribes to allow contraband past a checkpoint.
TWO YEARS EARLIER!
Classic.
Fucking guy was in the field for two years
after being seen taking a cartel bribe,
but when he finally shoots someone he gets taken in.*
*CBP has killed 81 people since 2010.

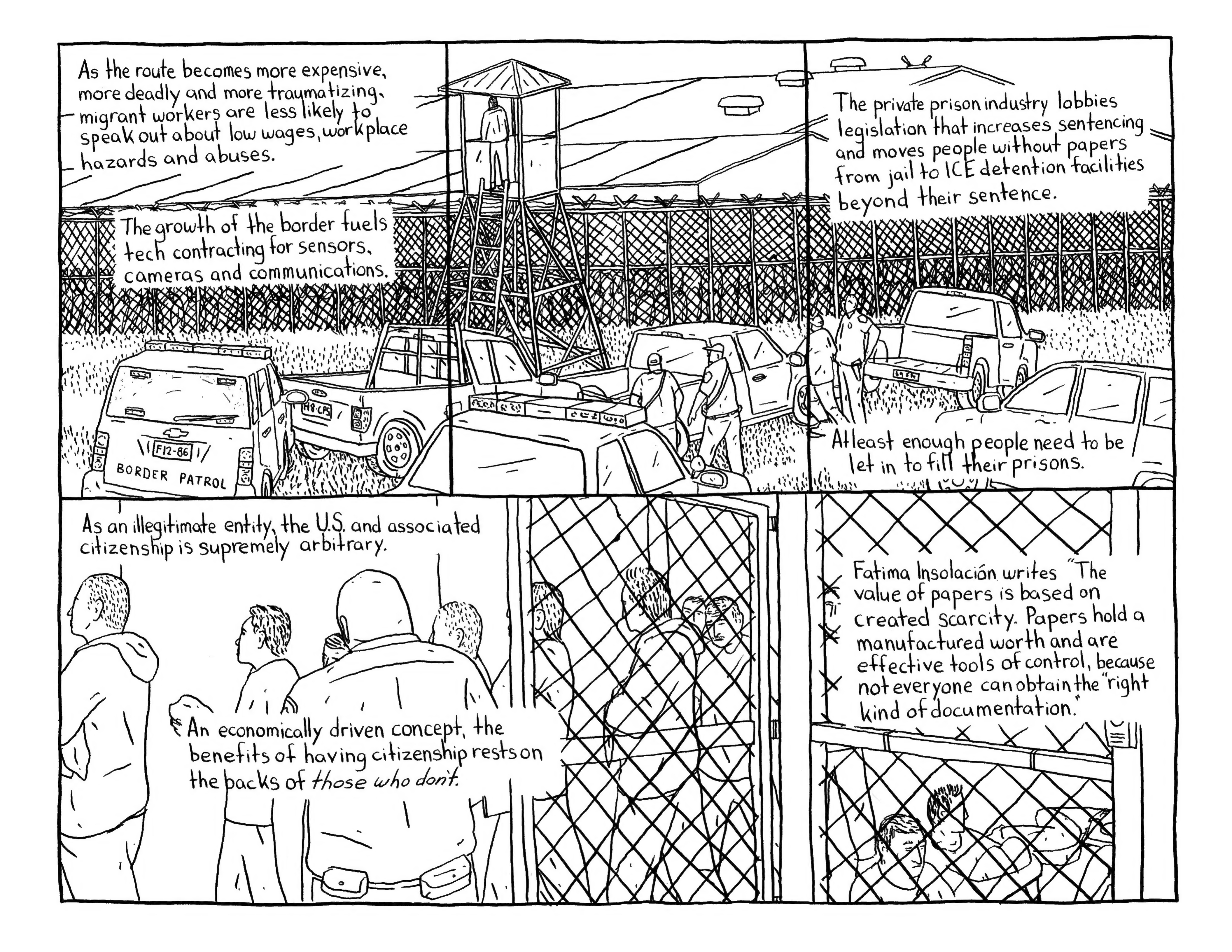

But some, like that shit we just passed,
that's BCFS, a christian nonprofit that gets contracts from DHS, ICE, CBP, all that,
that detention center we just passed is facilitated by them.
That's federal money.
Huh.
That's pretty fucked.
Yeah and you know without a wall...
their jobs are terminated.
But why did they put a fence there in the first place?
Well, rewind to 1982.
The Mexican economy collapses because the Mexican government can no longer service its loans.
Seizing the opportunity to impose neoliberal policy, the U.S. pressures the World Bank and IMF to issue massive loans with strict terms.
Terms such as eliminating price and interest rate controls, privatizing state owned enterprise,
reducing business regulation and reducing tariffs and trade restrictions.


Coupled later on with NAFTA, these policies resulted in local businesses unable to compete transnational corporations, public sector layoffs and a reduction to the social safety net,
while private sector job creation did not offset unemployment at expected rates.
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When cities couldn't accomodate for rural to urban migration, migration north exploded.
Like most of the nonprofits want comprehensive immigration reform
or like a "more humane" border.
But that sticks to the terms of the state, categorizing migrants, someone will always be left out,
and in doing so, these organizations are just extensions of the border.
Where do they get their money from?
Oh, it's always from some gross foundation,
with a board of directors that would not enjoy their status in society being attacked.


I drove with my friend Eliza to the Southwest, to drop her off at the border with Tijuana, where the migrant caravan had just arrived.
Nonprofits are a fucking plague.
I mean, okay, in some contexts, coalitions are useful, blah, blah...
They just steer good energy in like "safer," reformy directions.
Didn't George Bush say something like:
"this is the beginning of immigration reform" when they made the border fence?
It is an important step toward immigration reform.
It was when they were expanding the border fence in 2005, but yeah.
In 2009, a coup in Honduras replaced democratically elected, leftish president, Manuel "Mel" Zelaya, with an extreme right-wing government.
The role of Hillary Clintons state department in the coup,
like generations preceding hers regarding Latin American affairs,
was somewhere between aggressively supportive and outright orchestrating.


What followed was a rise of paramilitaries assassinating indigenous and environmentalist leaders as well as peasants with impunity,
the wholesale takeover of vast Honduran natural resources by transnational corporations
and a surge of killings of LGBT people.
In recent years, a large number of Hondurans have fled the fallout of the coup.
The establishment of these categories ("deserving"/"undeserving", "good"/"bad") acts as a soft control that extends the border to the entirety of the so-called United States of America.
When we reinforce these categories,
or push for the border to remain with some reforms,
or accept the legitimacy of citizenship to a country on stolen land,
we reinforce the walls of the state.


Citizenship, furthermore socially divides and reinforces the state.
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This is achieved by the delineation between those "deserving" and those "undeserving" of citizenship.
A defense is sometimes called upon in migrant rights circles of the "upstanding member of society" as opposed to a "criminal."
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Martha Escobar writes that this "rationalizes the violence that occurs to those that do not fit this category."
"When we claim that immigrants are not criminals, the fundamental message is that immigrants are not Black, or at least, that immigrants will not be another "Black problem."
In following this path, latinx migrants participate in Black subjugation, on the side of whiteness.
The border was not militarized to cease all crossing.
This system hungers for cheap, silent labor.
When the state of Alabama launched the harshest legislation against the existence of undocumented workers,
the crops rotted in the field.


As the route becomes more expensive, more deadly and more traumatizing, migrant workers are less likely to speak out about low wages, workplace hazards and abuses.
The growth of the border fuels tech contracting for sensors, cameras and communications.
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The private prison industry lobbies legislation that increases sentencing and moves people without papers from jail to ICE detention facilities beyond their sentence.
Atleast enough people need to be let in to fill their prisons.
As an illegitimate entity, the U.S. and associated citizenship is supremely arbitrary.
An economically driven concept, the benefits of having citizenship rests on the backs of *those who don't.*
Fatima Insolación writes "The value of papers is based on created scarcity. Papers hold a manufactured worth and are effective tools of control, because not everyone can obtain the "right kind of documentation."